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Mr. Thomas M. Dowling, Esq. Ryan Smith & Carbine, Ltd. Mead Building 99 Merchants Row Rutland, VT 05702-0310

Re: GMCB-002-18con. Request for a Jurisdictional Determination for Kindred Healthcare Inc. With Respect to an Internal Corporate Reorganization.

Dear Mr. Dowling:

Thank you for your January 25, 2018 letter regarding Kindred Healthcare Inc.'s plan to undergo an internal corporate restructuring in the summer of 2018. Based on the information provided, we have concluded that the project triggers certificate of need review because it is a change in ownership, corporate structure or other organizational modification that requires a new license from the appropriate state or federal licensing entity. *See* GMCB Rule 4.000, § 4.203(2).

Sufficient financial information, including any monetary payments made by the purchasers, is required to evaluate the impact of the project. Please provide the following:

- A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger under which purchasers including TPG Capital;
 Welsh, Carson, Anderson, and Stowe; and Humana, Inc. will merge with and into Kindred Healthcare Inc.
- A narrative with further detail regarding the internal corporate restructuring Kindred is undergoing in connection with the above-referenced agreement, as well as the specific tax and structuring objectives it is intended to achieve.
- A narrative detailing how the project in any way changes or alters the financial stability and legal liability of Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation (Birchwood Terrace or Starr Farm Nursing Center).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Donna Jerry at (802) 828-2918.

Sincerely,

<u>s/ Kevin Mullin</u>Kevin MullinChair, Green Mountain Care Board

